

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 143877

70

ORIGIN SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ADP-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 /026 R

DRAFTED BY NEA/PAB:PDCONSTABLE/BK

7/20/73:EXT.20353

APPROVED BY NEA:JJSISCO

NEA/IRN:JMIKLOS (SUBS)

S/S-O: S.E. FRY

----- 017608

O 210020Z JUL 73 ZFF4

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY KABUL NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN IMMEDIATE NIACT

INFO AMEMBASSY ANKARA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD IMMEDIATE

S E C R E T STATE 143877

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: XGDS

TAGS: PFOR, AF, IR, PK

SUBJECT: RELATIONS WITH AFGHAN REGIME

REFS: STATE 142393

KABUL 5257

KABUL 5276

1. IN RESPONSE TO EARLIER CONVERSATION WITH ASST. SECY. SISCO ON JULY 20 (REPORTED SEPTTEL) AMBASSADOR SULTAN KHAN TELEPHONED SISCO WITH REPLY FROM PRESIDENT BHUTTO. SULTAN KHAN SAID THAT PRESIDENT BHUTTO FULLY UNDERSTANDS AND APPRECIATES POSITION OF USG AS REPORTED BY HIS AMBASSADOR. HE SAID HOWEVER HE IS MEETING WITH SHAH JULY 23 IN LONDON AND WOULD LIKE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS AFGHAN SITUATION WITH HIM. IRAN AND PAKISTAN ARE TWO COUNTRIES MOST VITALLY CONCERNED WITH DEVELOPMENTS THERE AND ARE BOTH ALLIES OF US. IN CONTEXT OF AZIZ AHMED'S

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 143877

CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY AT CENTO MEETING BHUTTO

WISHED TO RECALL IMPORTANCE WE HAVE ATTACHED TO PAKISTAN'S RELATIONSHIP IN CENTO ALLIANCE. BHUTTO SAID THAT IF U.S. WERE TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH AFGHANISTAN AT THIS POINT, IT WOULD LOOK IN PAKISTAN AS IF U.S. WERE SEEKING TO COMPEL PAKISTAN TO FOLLOW SUIT, SINCE OUR ACTION WOULD LEAVE PAKISTAN AND IRAN LITTLE ALTERNATIVE BUT TO RECOGNIZE NEW REGIME. BHUTTO WENT ON TO SAY THAT AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD WOULD HAVE LITTLE EFFECT ON SITUATION

IN AFGHANISTAN OR ON OUR FUTURE RELATIONSHIP, BUT WOULD GIVE PAKISTAN AND IRAN MORE TIME TO CONSIDER SITUATION.

2. SISCO REPLIED THAT WHILE WE BELIEVED IT IMPORTANT TO MOVE FAIRLY QUICKLY TO INFORM AFGHAN GOVT OF OUR DESIRE TO CONTINUE CORDIAL RELATIONS WE WOULD OF COURSE TAKE PRESIDENT BHUTTO'S VIEWS INTO ACCOUNT AND THAT HE WOULD REPORT BACK TO SULTAN KHAN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AFTER DISCUSSING QUESTION WITH ACTING SECRETARY, SISCO REACHED SULTAN KHAN AT IRANIAN EMBASSY. HE INFORMED SULTAN KHAN WE WOULD WAIT UNTIL THE 23RD AFTER PRESIDENT BHUTTO AND THE SHAH HAD HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THIS QUESTION AND GIVE THEIR VIEWS. WE WERE STILL HOPEFUL THAT WE COULD MOVE THIS MATTER FORWARD ON THE 23RD AFTER HEARING FROM THE AMBASSADOR AGAIN.

3. MR. SISCO THEN SPOKE TO AMBASSADOR ZAHEDI AND BRIEFED HIM ON OUR POSITION PER STATE 142393 NOTING THAT WE WERE ALSO TAKING THE MATTER UP IN TEHRAN. AS HE HAD WITH THE PAKISTAN AMBASSADOR, SISCO EMPHASIZED THAT WE HAVE IN MIND CONTINUING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH AFGHANISTAN AND NOT A FORMAL ACT OF RECOGNITION. IRANIAN AMBASSADOR SAID HE UNDERSTOOD. SUBSEQUENTLY IRANIAN AMBASSADOR CALLED SISCO BACK TO CONVEY HIS VIEW, WHICH HE INTENDS TO COMMUNICATE TO THE SHAH, THAT U.S. SHOULD MOVE AHEAD RAPIDLY ON THE QUESTION OF RECOGNITION. HE SAID THAT IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT SOVIETS HAVE RECOGNIZED AND THAT COUP IS FAIT ACCOMPLI THERE IS NO ADVANTAGE IN DELAY. HE SAID HE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THE SHAH URGE BHUTTO TO MOVE AHEAD QUICKLY. HE CLOSED BY SAYING THAT IT IS OF COURSE POSSIBLE THAT HE WOULD HEAR

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 STATE 143877

A FAVORABLE INDICATION EVEN BEFORE THE 23RD. IF SO, HE WOULD LET US KNOW.

4. FOR KABUL: IN VIEW OF DELAY IN PROCESS OF CONSULTATION, YOU SHOULD OF COURSE NOT UNDERTAKE ACTION CONTEMPLATED FOR JULY 21. HOWEVER SEPTTEL WILL GIVE YOU INSTRUCTIONS ON POSTURE YOU SHOULD ASSUME UNTIL AUTHORIZED TO CONVEY TO DAUD U.S. DESIRE TO CONTINUE OUR CORDIAL

RELATIONS WITH AFGHANISTAN. WE WILL OF COURSE INFORM YOU
AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY WHEN WE ARE IN POSITION TO
AUTHORIZE FURTHER ACTION.

5. FOR TEHRAN: EMBASSY SHOULD CARRY OUT CONSULTATION
IN TEHRAN AS INDICATED IN STATE 142393 TAKING INTO ACCOUNT
ADDITIONAL CONSULTATION BETWEEN SISCO AND IRANIAN AMBAS-
SADOR DESCRIBED ABOVE. REPORT REACTION SOONEST.
RUSH

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PFOR
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 21 JUL 1973
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: worrelsw
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973STATE143877
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: PDCONSTABLE/BK
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: RR
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: SECSTATE WASHDC
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730718/aaaaamth.tel
Line Count: 124
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ORIGIN SS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: 73 STATE 142393, 73 KABUL 5257, 73 KABUL 5276
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: worrelsw
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 13 JUL 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <13-Jul-2001 by izenbei0>; APPROVED <15-Aug-2001 by worrelsw>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: RELATIONS WITH AFGHAN REGIME
TAGS: AF, IR, PK
To: KABUL TEHRAN ANKARA LONDON ISLAMABAD
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005